

FOREST BOARD MINUTES May 8, 2019

PRESENT: Chairperson Leah Netherland, City Forester Ryan Lewis, Mayor Tony Williams, Dale Kinney, Mick Vissing, Rick Vissing, Sallie Schoen, Gary Robben, Shirley Robben, Gil Zinner, guest Audubon Country Club manager Joseph Moore, recorder Marie Eff

REVIEW OF LAST MONTHS MINUTES: Shirley made a motion to accept the minutes, Rick seconded the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: BUD utilities marked Oriole Park for water installation. Jason will buy hose post supplies for Dale.

Leah modified the tree permit to correspond with Forest Code rules. We would like to have 2 weeks' time to issue a permit because employees and volunteers aren't always available to complete the form. However, we will aspire to 1 week for response time to improve homeowner compliance. Any tree company that works in our neighborhood without a tree permit or insurance will be fined \$200.00.

The Forest Code has been updated to say that we can plant a tree outside the easement with the homeowner's permission.

Otto, who measures whether or not a tree is inside an easement, needs to email the measurements to Leah before she visits the homeowner.

Nancy Shelton purchased and planted 2 dogwoods to replace 2 memorial trees. These are the last dogwoods we will plant because space is limited and so many of our dogwoods are declining from difficult to treat conditions.

Joseph Moore, the Audubon Country Club manager was invited to our meeting to talk about the shared Cardinal Drive easement. He received our letter and has agreed to remove and grind the nuisance tree that stands near the tennis courts. Mr. Moore states the country club wants to be good neighbors with the city and requested several things from us:

- that we put in writing the trees we would like to plant in the easement so club management can determine golf course suitability.
- that future trees for removal be identified for the club.
- that we write a document that shares our institutional knowledge. This would help the club understand Forest Board rationales.
- that our mayor and the country club manager review event schedules before putting dates on the calendar.
- that Ryan and Mr. Moore meet about the eventual removal of 6 ash trees.

FORESTER REPORT: Ryan responded to a call from a homeowner about an ash with curled leaf edges. It was diagnosed as a benign foliar fungal disease and not emerald ash borer disease.

An elm tree on Audubon Parkway is dead but not a hazard.

BUDGET: We have a new bookkeeper. Our budget is estimated at \$14,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS: Leah has resigned her chairperson duties but will continue to be active with the Board. Michael Blum will assume the chairperson role.

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The Board decided against establishing a grant for tree removal. The city code states that if we determine a tree is hazardous, the homeowner must remove it within ten days of notification. Should the city have to remove it, a lien will be placed on the house. The homeowner can then make monthly payments to the city to have the lien removed.

Leah gave us a web site ([nwf.org/native plant finder](http://nwf.org/native-plant-finder)) that lists native trees and the butterflies that depend on them. Some trees attract up to 250 types of butterflies.

Leah anticipates 8 more trees will be planted so we will need more water bags. Marie will get them ready.

Mick and Rick will apply water bags to 3 trees on Thrush and 1 tree on Robin.

The Wren Park pecan tree and 2 dogwoods will be watered by the Robbins and Vissings.

WORK DAY: Next work day 9am May 11 at Wren Park.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting is 6:30pm Wednesday June 12, 2019 at City Hall.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON: Leah Metherland DATE: 6/12/19  
SIGNATURE OF MAYOR: Tom W... DATE: 6/12/19

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